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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The present Office action is made in response to the amendment filed on 6/29/2004. It is noted that in the mentioned amendment, applicant has made amendments to the specification and the claims.
2. The reply filed on 6/29/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the amendment, in pages 4-5 of the amendment, it is unclear about the status of claim 9. In particular, in page 4, applicant has shown that claim 9 is a previous presented claim; however, in page 5, applicant has made amendments to the claim 9. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.  
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

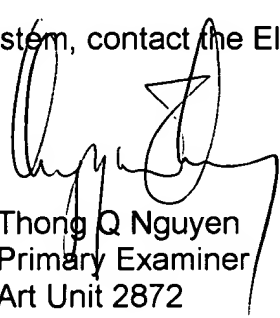
### *Conclusion*

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong Q Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-2316. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew A Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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